

Contra Costa Animal Services Lost and Found Resources



Go to www.ccasd.org to search for lost and found pets or to file a lost or found pet report

All lost and found pet reports are filed online. You may visit our website at www.ccasd.org to file a report, or to view animals impounded at Contra Costa Animal Services, animals reported as lost, and animals reported as found being kept in the finder's home for safekeeping. Animals impounded at Contra Costa Animal Services are held a minimum of 3 business days. That hold is extended to 5 business days with some form of identification, and 10 business days with their current Contra Costa County license tag. Once the holding period has ended, that animal may be made available for adoption, transferred to another shelter or rescue, or euthanized. An animal may be euthanized immediately if the animal is suffering from a serious medical condition or injury and/or is not responding to treatment. Whether you have found a pet, or your own pet is missing, follow these suggestions to increase the chances of getting that animal back home safe!

Identification Tags If a found pet has a collar, check for ID tags and follow up on any leads. If they are wearing a Contra Costa County License tag, go to **www.petdata.com** to search for the tag number. It may provide the owner's contact information. ID tags and licensing are a lost pet's ticket home.

Microchips

Take a found pet to the nearest vet or shelter to be scanned for a microchip, which may lead you straight to the owner. Visit **www.petmicrochiplookup.org** to research a microchip number. If your lost pet is microchipped, be sure to confirm and/or update your contact information by calling the microchip company. The organization who microchipped your pet may be able to point you in the right direction.

Social Media

The internet is a helpful tool for reuniting lost pets and keeping them out of the shelter. Search and post your lost or found pet on the following sites:

PetHarbor.com NextDoor.com App FindingRover.com PawBoost.com Craigslist.com
Petfinder.com
LostMyDoggie.com
LostMyKitty.com

FIDO Alert on Facebook Fido Alert East County FIDO Alert Claycord FIDO Alert West County

Posters & Flyers Create posters that are BRIGHT, BOLD, SHORT and SPECIFIC and put them up quickly in the area the pet was found or last seen. Use neon poster board to draw the eye, and keep the message brief and to the point. A short description and contact information is enough. Learn about creating effective posters at **MissionReunite.org**

Lost Pet Recovery Techniques Dogs and cats behave differently when they are lost, and their personality at home can give you clues as to where you might find them. Example: Nervous indoor-only cats will hunker down when they get outside and they can often be found close to home, while frightened dogs can run for miles. Visit **MissionReunite.org** for lost pet recovery tips and techniques.

File an Online Report Go to www.ccasd.org to submit a Lost or Found Pet Report and upload a clear image of the animal. Your information will be sent to Contra Costa Animal Services (and other shelters, based on your selection), and you will receive daily email notifications when an animal matching your request is reported in the area. You can edit or cancel your request at any time.

Don't Give Up!

Pets can be reunited with their people days, weeks, or months after they go missing, so don't give up the search! For more tips and resources, visit our website at **www.ccasd.org**, which is constantly updated with new animals.

